



A JUICY POLITICAL POT-PIE.

News of the Doings of the Politicians in Each of Thirty-four Wards.

Numerous Candidates for All of the Town Offices Are Hurrying to the Front.

Split Between Pease and Boldenweck in Lake View Threatens to Make Things Lively.

The unexpected has happened. The strong political combination which has ruled Lake View for years has been burst asunder. The Boldenweck-Pease combination is no more. The trouble is said to have been brought about by the candidacy of Mr. Boldenweck for County Treasurer and Mr. Pease for County Clerk, it being understood that only one big office can be reasonably expected to go to the section where both reside. The two quondam friends are now deadly enemies and a re-arrangement of all Lake View political slates is the result.

The latest West Town slate given out is Mortimer Scanlan for Assessor, Robert Verden for collector, Frank Kilmer for Supervisor, Fred Stoll for Clerk.

A particularly strong town ticket will be in the field on the Republican side in the Town of Lake this spring.

The candidacy of Hon. Frank Lawler for the West Town Assessorship has completely changed the aspect of affairs in the West Town campaign.

It increases the activity of all the other candidates such as James McAndrews, Jr., Dennis Considine, and Ald. Loeffler, and changes the Democratic slate. Mr. Lawler's candidacy would mean his nomination and election, but there are other candidates of whose nomination the same could be said. The year has been thus far disastrous for the Democrats, and it behooves the party to put its strongest candidates in the field if it is not to continue so. The advent of Frank Lawler as a leader in the West Town fight is welcomed by the party as a fortuitous circumstance.

Mr. Lawler deserves well of the Democratic party. He has spent the best years of his life in its service, and has received little reward. He has invariably sunk his own personality for the good of the party. The loyalty to party and indefatigable labors of Mr. Lawler contributed largely to the victory of last December. His party services have not been recognized at Washington; in fact, his treatment by the powers that be there has amounted to an insult to the whole Democratic party of Cook County. By electing Mr. Lawler to an honorable and important local office, therefore, the Democracy of Cook County will not only reward a faithful servant, but will vindicate itself.

Jacob W. Richards has again entered the race for South Town Assessor, and will make it interesting for the other candidates for the Democratic nomination.

The other aspirants are ex-County Commissioner Martin Emerich, Alderman Henry Stuckert and S. George Miller. All are good men, and any one of them would fill the office of Assessor acceptably.

Now that Justice Kersten has positively refused to make the race for the north town assessorship, Senator Bartling will have plain sailing for the Democratic nomination. His opponent on the Republican side will be the present incumbent, William E. Ball, who will be undoubtedly renominated. Mr. Ball will make a formidable antagonist for Senator Bartling.

The Aldermanic situation grows daily more interesting. The Republicans are in high hopes of capturing

some wards now represented by Democrats and thus making that body more strongly Republican even than it was last year.

In the First Ward J. Irving Pearce is talked of by the Republican, but while these gentlemen are casting about for a candidate, Ald. John J. Coughlin, the present representative, is mending his fences and will probably be not only renominated but re-elected.

The Democratic leaders in the Second Ward are in hopes of ousting Ald. D. J. Horan. The latter will probably get the nomination, but he will find it hard to win. Mr. Horan personally is a courteous, popular gentleman.

The prettiest fight of all is that going on in the Twenty-fourth Ward. Fred Griesheimer and ex-Ald. Peter Biegler are two of the candidates for the Democratic nomination. Both are good Democrats, both are wealthy and highly popular gentlemen.

Mr. Biegler made an excellent record while in the Council before, and Mr. Griesheimer would undoubtedly do the same.

But there is a candidate in the field who is going to make both of them hustle, and that is Mr. Watson Ruddy, the well-known business man, horse owner and livery stable proprietor. Mr. Ruddy has lived in the Twenty-fourth Ward for over twenty years. He has always been a Democrat, and has in every possible way assisted the party. He came into the ward a poor man, but by strict attention to business has made a snug fortune and built up a lucrative trade. His specialty is the selling and trading of horses, and in this way he has supplied the finest families of Chicago with their coaching and driving outfits. Mr. Ruddy, who is urged for Alderman by some of the best men in the ward, is an Irishman by birth, a native of the County Tyrone, and is 38 years of age. If elected he will, without doubt, make a model member of the City Council, as his qualifications well fit him for the place.

The term of Joseph Donnersberger as South Park Commissioner expired Wednesday. His successor will be selected by the Circuit Judges. He is a candidate for reappointment. The Judges stand seven Democrats and seven Republicans. The Republicans have but two representatives on the South Park Board now, Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Sherman.

A new candidate for the Democratic Collectorship nomination of the West Town has appeared in the person of Robert Verden. He is a horse-dealer and lives in the Fourteenth Ward.

The Garfield Club has endorsed Herbert W. Duncanson for Alderman from the Twelfth ward.

James A. Hegan, superintendent of the Lemont Stone Quarry Company, is likely to be the Republican candidate for Alderman in the Sixth Ward. The Democrats will probably have two candidates.

John W. Conroy is mentioned as a probable Republican candidate for Alderman in the First Ward.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of the Thirty-second Ward was organized at Axford's Hall with John Hanrahan as President. The Hop-

kins administration was indorsed and the names of two hundred club members enrolled.

John Kralovec, a leading Bohemian, is being urged to become a candidate for Alderman on the Republican side in the Ninth Ward.

The German-Americans of the south end of the Ninth Ward met at No. 650 Blue Island avenue and indorsed Miles Kehoe for Alderman.

Ex-Mayor Cregier, who has been mentioned as a candidate for superintendent of Lincoln Park, said that he didn't know anything about his proposed candidacy beyond what he had seen in the newspapers. He added that he was looking for something better than a park superintendent, and that he expected to be a candidate for County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket at the November election.

The contest for Aldermanic honors in the Fifth Ward it is said has been a fierce one between Nick Duback, David Diest and John S. Oehman. It was reported yesterday that Messrs. Oehman and Duback had withdrawn in favor of Diest. Consequently it is claimed that the nomination is now conceded to Mr. Diest.

The Republicans will certainly nominate John Vogt, the present efficient alderman.

The request of many Illinois Republicans that the State Central Committee hold a general meeting of the party leaders in this city at an early date will go before the Executive Committee March 7. A notice for the committee to meet at that date in this city was sent out yesterday. It is believed the State Central Committee will be called together a fortnight afterwards, and that invitations to several hundred members of the party in various sections of the State to confer with the committee will be sent out by the Executive Committee. The prevailing sentiment among Republicans, as they gather at the headquarters in the Grand Pacific now, is to pay no attention to the Democrats or the time of holding their convention, but to begin an aggressive campaign. The convention probably will be held some time in August. The State officers to be elected are a Treasurer, a Superintendent of Public Instruction and University Trustees.

Garrett Otto, an old resident of the Thirty-fourth Ward, is out as a candidate for Assessor of Hyde Park. He claims a large backing.

The Republicans of the Twenty-seventh Ward have concluded to retire Fred Haussen, one of the Aldermen, and to nominate H. W. Butler, a



HON. S. GEORGE MILLER.

Strongly Backed for the Democratic Nomination for South Town Assessor.

young real estate dealer, in his place. Henry Esdohr declines to be a candidate and will support Mr. Butler.

Jacob H. Blass is being urged as a candidate against Ald. Powers by the German Democratic Club of the Nineteenth Ward. Ex-City Clerk P. J. Howard is also making a stubborn fight. Patrick Morris and Jas. E. O'Brien, grocers; John Noonan, real estate, and Joseph B. Breen are also said to be eager aspirants for a seat in the Council from the Nineteenth Ward.

One of the popular young men of the West Side is Herbert W. Duncanson, the well-known Madison street jeweler, who is prominently mentioned and widely indorsed as the candidate for the Republican nomination in the Twelfth Ward Aldermanic race in the spring. Mr. Duncanson has made the West Side his business and domestic home for many years. He is an Illinoisian, having been born in Kankakee thirty-five years ago. In 1870 he came to this city with his parents, and here he has lived ever since. For over sixteen years he has been engaged in the retail jewelry business on Madison street, and he is President of the Optical and Electrical Company at the corner of State and Madison streets. He is a more than enthusiastic supporter of the institutions of the great West Side, as is evidenced by his active membership in three of the most prominent social organizations in that section of the city—the Illinois, Ashland and Minnette Clubs—and by his earnest work in behalf of all proposed West Side improvements. In politics Mr. Duncanson has always been actively interested as a consistent Republican and he has done yeoman service for his party in its stronghold—the Twelfth Ward. For some time he has been chairman of the Finance Committee of the Twelfth Ward Republican Club, and he has discharged the duties of that office in such a manner as to reflect great credit upon his business ability. That it is quite likely he will represent his ward in the City Council during the coming two years is pretty generally conceded, as he has been indorsed as a candidate by numerous clubs having members in the ward, and a nomination there means his election. He is very popular among his associates and is now the only candidate nominated for the Presidency of the Minnette Club, which has also indorsed his Aldermanic candidacy. The Minnette Club's nominating committee, by the way, has put a club ticket in the field to be voted for early in March, and the candidates named are so generally satisfactory that there is likely to be found great difficulty in securing the twenty-five names necessary to put an opposition ticket in the field. Matters are not

quite as harmonious in the ranks of the Menoken Club, however, and it is stated that when its annual election occurs, which is very soon, there will be several tickets to be voted for and that the battle will be a lively and exciting scramble for office.

The Seventh Ward Protective Club has indorsed J. A. Cook for Alderman from the Seventh Ward and pledged its support to the entire Republican ticket in the spring election. The next regular meeting of the club will be held next Sunday at 2 p. m.

Ex-County Commissioner Jacob Stainer, who served three terms in the County Board and made an excellent record, will be the Democratic nominee for Alderman in the Eighth Ward. Mr. Stainer announces that if he is not nominated he will run as an Independent.

From a Democratic standpoint it looks as if Hon. S. George Miller would be the nominee for Assessor of the South Town. He is recognized by all to be the strongest candidate yet mentioned. Mr. Miller has already turned in \$25,000. He has made a superb record, and leading Republicans say that George Miller would beat Best by 10,000 majority, should the latter be his opponent on the ticket. On this account the best known Republican South Town leaders realize full well that they must put up their strongest man, and during the past few days there has been a great deal of quiet talk about Major B. R. De Young, who has served in the past four terms as South Town Assessor. Major De Young made a magnificent record and he commands the confidence and respect of all who know him, on account of his eminent ability, and great strength with the South Town community. It need surprise no one to learn that the latest slate given out by the South Town Republicans is headed by Major B. R. De Young for Assessor, E. J. Magerstadt for Collector, and Peter J. Laas for Supervisor.

Charles Harpel is a candidate for alderman in the 24th Ward. He is a large property owner and has been actively identified with Republican politics of the ward for over a score of years. He is well known and popular. He was indorsed by the Young Men's Republican Club of the 24th Ward last Saturday evening, at a meeting held at 353 North Clark street.

S. W. Roth, John Clancy and Wm. T. Maypole are waging a fierce contest for the nomination for alderman in the Thirteenth Ward. From present indications Roth is likely to be nominated.

THEY ARE AFTER TAX CROOKS.

Their Association Denounces Tax Adjusters and Their Very Peculiar Schemes in Unmeasured Terms.

An Appeal to Voters to Turn Out This Spring and Elect Honest Assessors.

Too Much Fraud to the Square Inch for the Good of the City.

THE EAGLE, as the organ of the business men of Chicago, has been requested by the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Association to publish the following appeal.

It certainly speaks for itself. The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Association is composed of the following citizens: I. K. Boyesen, Francis Beldier, J. J. Glessner, Wm. A. Fuller, Melville E. Stone, O. S. A. Sprague, David A. Kohn, H. N. Higginbotham, Hugh A. White, Francis B. Peabody, Murry Nelson, J. Harley Bradley, J. L. Lombard, R. J. Smith, Christoph Hotz, Geo. Schneider, J. C. Ambler.

To the members of the Citizens' Association: The approach of the season for making the assessment of real and personal property for taxation purposes, reminds us of our duty to call your attention to certain abuses which have heretofore been observed in that process, particularly in the last few years. A notable one is this:

Notice is received by a merchant or manufacturer that his stock has been valued, for the purposes of assessment, at an amount which is greatly in excess of what men in the same line of business, and with equal amounts of stock, have had their property valued at for the same purpose, and in excess of the amount upon which the particular victim has theretofore been assessed. Shortly after receipt of this notification a person calling himself a "tax adjuster" calls upon the proposed victim and offers to procure a reduction of the valuation in consideration of being paid one-fourth or one-half of the saving he can make for him. If inquiry be made at the Assessor's office as to the identity of the "tax adjuster" it will be found that he is unknown to the Assessor, and that "he has no connection with the office;" but, strange to say, the "adjuster," if employed, succeeds in obtaining a reduction of the valuation to an amount satisfactory to the person whose property is to be assessed. And this although legitimate efforts to have a reasonable reduction in the valuation made have failed to influence the judgment of the Assessor in the slightest degree.

That our absurd system of assessments easily lends itself to such abuses every tax-payer knows, and there is little hope of immediate relief from it. Furthermore, the detection and punishment of the persons prostituting our system of collecting public revenues in this manner is extremely difficult, because of the impracticability of showing by legal proof any connection between the Assessor and the "tax adjuster." It is hard to resist the conclusion that the "tax adjusters" could not so readily and speedily accomplish the reduction of the valuations unless the parties having the power to fix the valuation in some manner co-operate with them.

The first and most effective method of curing this evil is for all decent citizens to use every legitimate effort in their respective towns to see to the nomination of respectable men for Assessors by the political parties; and it has been shown heretofore that when an earnest effort is made to accomplish this result it can be achieved. Some of the Chicago towns have, through the efforts of public-spirited citizens, in a number of instances, had for their town officers men of pre-eminent standing and recognized integrity. This can be accomplished again, and in each of the towns composing the city, if

proper effort is made. We earnestly urge you, therefore, to use every legitimate means to arouse an interest among your friends and fellow-citizens, and to induce them to take part in the primaries and in the town conventions, with a view of procuring the nomination by both parties, if possible, of candidates for Assessor whose previous record, standing and character will be a guarantee against their prostituting our revenue system for the purposes of common blackmail.

We would also urge that an organization be effected by the tax-payers in the respective towns, and particularly among merchants and manufacturers in the same line of business, the object of which shall be to secure equality in the ratio of assessment in their respective lines of business, and if you fail to obtain such equality in ratio of assessment by the assessor, that you then see that you are properly represented before the town board of equalization, on the fourth Monday in June next, and make such showing of facts as will entitle you to be heard in the courts if the board fails to act justly.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.
I. K. BOYESSEN, President.
J. C. AMBLER, Secretary.

"Doc" Jamieson, sometimes known as T. N. Jamieson, potentate of the local Republicans and ex-headsman to Mayor Washburne, was earnestly sought on Wednesday morning by a detective from the Englewood station, who had a warrant for the distinguished man's arrest. The warrant, just a common, every-day document, accusing the Doctor of selling liquor—pebbles whisky—without a license from the municipal authorities, was sworn out before Justice Caldwell by a Hyde Park man—a Republican, too, it is alleged—and asserted that on divers and sundry occasions, to the best of affiant's knowledge and belief and on one occasion to his certain knowledge, did the said Jamieson, by his agents, clerks and other employees, sell, vend and distribute a certain alcoholic beverage commonly called whisky. The warrant was issued by Justice Caldwell and placed in the hands of Officer Judge for service. That policeman, no longer fearful of a keen-edged ax, took the document and sallied forth in quest of the defendant, who is owner of drug store at the corner of 39th street and Cottage Grove avenue. "Doc" Jamieson was not in, and the officer started on an unsuccessful hunt for the defendant. He was finally obliged to take a clerk's word for it that Dr. Jamieson would be behind the prescription counter not later than 6 o'clock in the evening.

Col. Anton J. Brachtendorf, one of the best-known German-American Democrats of Chicago and a Union war veteran, is strongly backed for the Democratic nomination for Alderman of the Twenty-first Ward.

The Democrats of the north end of the Twenty-eighth Ward organized a J. P. Hopkins Club. The object of it is to secure the election of a Democratic Alderman this year and to further the candidacy of Mr. Peter Hughes, Jr., for West Town Clerk, a young man who was born and raised in this section and who is now Acting Superintendent of the Cicero and Proviso Street Railway. This is the first time the Twenty-eighth Ward ever had a candidate for any office, and this club intends to work for his nomination.